



# Protection Cluster Monthly Report

October 2019

## Humanitarian Needs/Latest Assessment Findings

### Somali Region

- Somali Region has experienced significant flooding since early October and 14 woredas in 7 (of 11) zones have been affected. A flood task force has been set-up and is meeting frequently. A total of 126,786 individuals have been affected in East Imi, Ferfer, Kelafo, Mustahil woredas of Shabele zone as of 16 October; 19,018 are under five while 12,805 are Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW).
- There are significant movements of IDPs self-relocating from Millennium Park IDP site in Dire Dawa to Awbare (450 HH expected in total), Tuligulded, and Togwajaale woredas of Fafan zone.
- The Somali Regional government continues with its plan to relocate 4,000 HH from Qologi IDP site to two locations in Golchano woreda, Fafan zone. A plan is being developed for this with technical assistance from UN agencies and government departments such as Urban Planning under coordination of the Durable Solutions Working Group (of which the Protection Cluster is a member).

### Wollegas (Oromia Region) and Kamashi Zone (Benishangul-Gumuz Region)

- Protection monitoring was conducted in Belo Jangafoy (Kamashi) and Sasiga Woredas (East Wollega). The key issues identified include: the absence of civil documentation that is limiting the movement of the population and access to jobs; ethnic based discrimination against returnees (women, children and men) as well as service gaps in WASH (insufficient water supply) and health (absence of drugs and ambulance).

### Jimma Town (Oromia Region)

- From 23 to 26 September, a UNICEF team conducted an inter-sectorial assessment of IDPs in Jimma town, Oromia. There are currently 510 HH of 2513 individual, including 1248 children living in Jimma. Main Child Protection concerns highlighted include child labor, lack of psychosocial support and non-school enrolment of children (as the intention were to return the IDPs to identified relocation areas, town administration have not yet initiated enrolling IDP children to schools).

## Humanitarian Response

### Wollegas (Oromia Region)

- GBV programs have been launched by IRC in Sasiga woreda of East Wollega and in Nejo, Boji Dirmaji and Lata Sibu woredas of West Wollega.
- CP/GBV prevention and response teams are established at the district level in East Wollega, ToRs and role/responsibilities of all sectors in team has been prepared and referral pathways have been revised.
- IOM SMS teams organized a coordination meeting in Gutto Gida woreda with woreda authorities. The purpose of the meeting was to strengthen coordination aimed at effective delivery of assistance to the affected, the project will enhance coordination between kebeles and woredas. The next step is to

also start holding regular meetings in Sasiga woreda.

- Launch of IOM SMS activities in West Wollega has been delayed due to insecurity and inaccessibility of displacement/return locations.
- The Bilateral Peace and Development Bureau (BPDB) organized a meeting in Nekemte on 15 October. BPDB briefed partners about the role of the office which includes, inter-government relations, peacebuilding and capacity development on peacebuilding, cultural awareness/education, infrastructure development and livelihoods.
- BPDB plans to conduct research into joint initiatives between regions from November 2019 to January 2020. Partners were informed that any activity contributing to peace and development across areas covered should coordinate with BPDB.
- IOM/MHPSS celebrated World Mental health day in collaboration with partners and Government line departments in Nekemte. A workshop was organized and facilitated by IOM to raise awareness and train partners on Psychosocial First Aid (PFA).
- The Senior Protection Advisor (SPA) from RCO visited Nekemte and held a meeting with Protection Cluster members. During the meeting partners provided an overview of their activities. In return the SPA informed the partners of her role to support different clusters (provide strategic and technical guidance), advising the EHCT, promoting and mainstreaming the centrality of protection.

#### **Somali Region**

- BoWCA has prepared a 5-point response plan for the flood emergency in the Somali Region. Activities include provision of MHPSS interventions, increase community awareness on prevention and reporting of violence, exploitation and abuse, strengthen community structures, women development army and child clubs to provide minimum services (prevent, monitor and address CP/GBV issues), strengthen CP/GBV case management system and provision of dignity kits to IDP women and girls.
- The Protection Cluster held a 3-day workshop for members from 22-24 October 2019. Facilitators from Addis Ababa and Jijiga attended and there were a total of 36 participants attended from across the region.

#### **West Guji (Oromia Region) and Gedeo (SNNP Region)**

##### GBV

- In the reporting period UNFPA in collaboration with Ethiopian Midwives Association (EMA) conducted Post Abortion Care (PAC) training for six days for a total of 21 midwives, nurses and health officers from Gedeo and West Guji zones.
- UNFPA in collaboration with Ethiopian Midwives Association (EMA) conducted Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for Reproductive Health training for four days for 30 front line health service providers Gedeo and West Guji zones.
- Partnership for Pastoralists Development Association (PAPDA) started implementation of community based SRH and GBV project in Gedeo and West Guji zones. Two zonal project coordinators have been hired by PAPDA. Six health centers from Gedeo zone and West Guji zones are selected to establish Women Friendly Service (WFS) centers and 30 social workers are hired and provided induction. Thus far 11 community conversation sections are conducted by PAPDA.
- 20 SGBV survivors (13 sexual, 5 domestic and 2 physical) identified and received appropriate services as per their informed consent.
- On job technical support and mentoring to WoWCYA and its partners continued on strengthening referral pathway and ensuring SGBV survivors access to multi-sector services is in-line with GBV case management protocol.
- Community awareness raising conducted on SGBV, HTP and SRH that reached approximately 8,000 community members; orientation on SGBV services directory and SRH services provided for two kebele administration leaders.

- Provided regular monitoring support to seven health facilities (two hospitals and five health centers) to strengthening referral directory and build the capacity of CMR trained health care providers.
- Emergency RH kit including post rape treatment kit distribution plan is finalized and distribution of kits started on 14 October.

#### Human Rights and Protection Monitoring

- From 15-16 October, 50 military personnel based in Gedeo and West Guji were trained on basic human rights, rights of arrested and detained persons, SGBV and the role of human rights in peacebuilding.
- World vision to launch a project “integrated emergency WASH, shelter, agriculture and protection response for IDPs and returnees” that will be conducted in Kercha woreda of West Guji.
- DRC to expand protection monitoring activities to Soke Chiga and Hebo Molicha, two additional kebeles in Kercha woreda and Gedeb woreda in Gedeo zone.

#### Site Management Support (SMS)

- SMS targets and indicators for the West Guji and Gedeo multi-cluster Response Plans have been agreed by SMS Working Group members and shared with ICCG locally.
- IOM SMS is implementing an area-based approach in return locations, delivering coordination and community self-representation support at kebele and woreda levels, with a small number of physical works interventions. UNHCR/ANE is focused on rehabilitation of public infrastructure through QIPs.
- IOM/SMS is undertaking a site profiling that includes service mapping, population data in 19 kebeles in West Guji, access permitting. Resulting Kebele Profiles will be shared monthly and circulated to stakeholders for up-to-date snapshots of Kebele progress and gaps.
- UNHCR/ANE SMS has almost completed the construction of a school and a health post in Sike Bukisa Kebele of Hambela Wamana woreda

#### Housing, Land and Property (HLP)

- Group information sessions were conducted in Kercha woreda Banko Baya Kebele for 294 individuals (222M/72F) and 269 (125M/144F) individuals in Hibbo Molicha. A total of 563 (347M/216F) individuals received information on housing land and property rights and their entitlements. The group information sessions in Banko Baya targeted proposed shelter and WASH beneficiaries as part of the first step of facilitating due diligence procedures. The beneficiaries were informed about replacement of lost or destroyed HLP documents as well as importance of having legitimate use or possession of land before shelter interventions proceed.
- ICLA teams provided individualized legal counselling during the reporting period in Chorso Golja for 27 (19M/8F), in Banko Baya, for 149 (95M/54F) and for 102 (78M/24F) in Hibbo Molicha. The counselling provided was on HLP with majority of the beneficiaries interested in receiving technical guidance on the process of replacing their HLP documents that were lost or destroyed during the conflict.
- ICLA teams are engaging the Kercha woreda land use and administration office to facilitate the replacement of land tenure documents particularly land holding certificates for over 100 beneficiaries who received information and counselling HLP. The officials noted that they do not have the printing paper required and are currently unable to facilitate the printing of the documents as a result. ICLA will follow up on the support needed including provision of printing paper to support the replacement process for beneficiaries in the woreda.

## Inter-Cluster Issues

### **East Hararge (Oromia Region) and Dire Dawa**

- East Hararge IDP sites are overdue for food (or cash for food) distribution. The latest round should have been distributed/disbursed approximately weeks ago in all sites and IDPs report being in serious debt to local shopkeepers and burning old shoes and plastic bottles for cooking fuel due to lack of resources. Lack of food is a particular protection concern given the ongoing measles risk in the area.
- Lack of clarity over the coordination of Dire Dawa and the Hararges continues to cause challenges for implementation and coordination on the ground.
- Need for coordination structure in Dire Dawa to also coordinate the response in Millennium Park IDP site as well as activities in the Hararges.

### **West Guji (Oromia Region) / Gedeo (SNNP Region)**

- In Sake Udotu kebele in Birbissa Kojowa in West Guji, health partners have stopped their mobile clinics due to insecurity prevailing in the kebele.
- New displacements in Abaya woreda and 145 HHs displaced from Ledo kebele to neighboring safe kebeles due to armed conflict.
- Scholastic materials for children, food and shelter are the top priority needs identified through protection monitoring.
- In West Guji, authorities requested durable solutions and peacebuilding programs to ensure inter-ethnic social cohesion is sustainable.

### **Wollegas (Oromia Region) and Kamashi Zone (Benishangul-Gumuz Region)**

- In many circumstances, returnees have left their children behind with their relatives due to concerns of ongoing security threats in the return areas. Separated children are at a heightened risk because they are separated from their parents and there are identified child survivors as well as perpetrators among the hosting families and communities. In this reporting period of one month, two alleged rape cases of separated children, have been reported by WoWCYA offices.
- Arkumbe Health Center, that was damaged during conflict, is not yet restored and health service is below MISP standard, no medication and medical equipment inside HC other than emergency drug kits and maternal and child health service provision is not possible.

## Key Messages

- A total of 580,000 women and girls do not have access to CMR services and health centers lack medical commodities - resulting in potential unwanted pregnancies, STIs, HIV, lack of forensic evidence, unsafe abortions and preventable maternal deaths.
- There is a lack of availability of skilled social work force for provision of Case Management and MHPSS for survivors. Separate meeting space is needed for confidential counseling services for child protection and GBV survivors in offices of the Women, Children and Youth Affairs, at the woreda and zonal levels.
- IDPs residing in Millennium Park in Dire Dawa are at risk of immediate forced eviction and a clear update is needed from both the Dire Dawa and Somali Region authorities regarding: (1) Current arrangements for assistance to IDPs that relocated by the authorities from Millennium Park to Somali Region (Erer Woreda, Sitti Zone) and those that self-relocated to Aw Barre; (2) Plans for the

relocation of remaining residents, including ensuring they are informed and consent to the relocation as well as ensuring their basic needs are met until the time of their relocation.

- Civil documentation and the ability to prove one’s legal identity are paramount to protection and provide the foundation for the enjoyment of other key rights. Lack of civil documentation limits peoples’ ability to cope, can compromise freedom of movement, and, in some instances, access to humanitarian assistance. In the Somali region, HLP documents are often a pre-requisite for access to national identity cards. This is often an insurmountable obstacle for IDPs.

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